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In re application of: Mitsuru TAKAI et al.

Application No. : 10/084,177

Mail Stop Amendment
Group Art Unit : 2621

Filed : February 28, 2002

Examiner : Hadi Akhavannik

For : NEXT PROCESS-DETERMINING METHOD, INSPECTING METHOD AND
INSPECTING APPARATUS**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment

Randolph Building

401 Dulany Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Supplemental Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

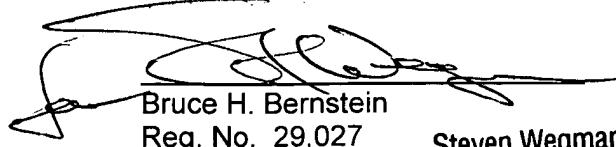
An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.

A Request for Extension of Time.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 8, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 8, 2005, and supplemental to the Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 that Applicants filed on December 8, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.